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TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJ: SOCIALISTS TO RUN ALONE IN ELECTIONS

REF: LISBON 796 (NOTAL)

1. SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) HELD ITS SECOND PRESS CONFERENCE IN TWO WEEKS ON FEB 12, DURING WHICH MARIO SOARES DISCUSSED PS POSITIONS ON NUMBER IMPORTANT ISSUES. SOARES REVEALED THAT 15,000 NEW MEMBERS HAD JOINED PARTY IN LAST MONTH, STATED THAT PS PLANS TO RUN CANDIDATES IN ALL DISTRICTS OF COUNTRY, AND THAT IT WILL NOT FORM ELECTORAL COALITION WITH ANY OTHER PARTY.

2. SOARES PRAISED RECENT SPEECH OF COSTA GOMES (REFTEL)

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ANNOUNCING ELECTIONS. HE ASSERTED SPEECH EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

BECAUSE IT FIRMLY REJECTED ANY KIND OF DICTATORSHIP AND  
"CORRECTLY" INTERPRETED ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT PROGRAM (AFM).

3. WHILE SUPPORTING THE "INSTITUTIONALIZATION" OF THE AFM,  
THE PS, SAID SOARES, BELIEVES THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO ACHIEVE  
THIS WITHOUT USURPING POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY. HE SUGGESTED THAT  
AFM AGREE ON AND PRESENT A PROPOSAL FOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION TO  
COALITION PARTIES (SOCIALISTS, COMMUNISTS, AND POPULAR  
DEMOCRATS).

4. ALONG SAME LINES, SOARES SAID SOCIALISTS LOOK FORWARD TO  
RECEIVING FROM AFM A CONCRETE "PLATFORM FOR PROGRESS" WHICH  
WOULD CONSTITUTE FUNDAMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTIES  
AND AFM ON CERTAIN RULES OF GAME AND FEATURES OF CONSTITUTION.  
COUNTRY NEEDS SUCH A PLATFORM BECAUSE LACK OF CLEAR ECONOMIC  
AND POLITICAL GUIDELINES A FUNDAMENTAL REASON FOR STEADY  
DETERIORATION OF POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SITUATION. "COUNTRY DOES  
NOT KNOW WHERE IT IS GOING AND ON WHOM IT CAN COUNT."

5. ECONOMIC PLAN, WHICH PS SUPPORTS, AND "WHICH RESPECTS  
PRIVATE INITIATIVE," IS ONE SUCH RULE OF GAME, AND SOARES URGED  
ITS IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION.

6. FINALLY SOARES REITERATED HIS EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT  
COALITION PARTIES HOLD TV DEBATE WITH AFM AS MODERATOR IN  
ORDER TO HELP PEOPLE DECIDE WHICH PARTY THEY WANT TO SUPPORT.  
HE ALSO SAID PS PLANS TO HOLD "NON-PUBLIC" RALLY IN LISBON  
BULLRING FEB 14. (COMMENT: PRESUMABLY RALLY TERMED PRIVATE  
TO EXEMPT IT FROM GOVERNMENT PROHIBITION.)

7. COMMENT: PS PROBABLY TIMED PRESS CONFERENCE TO ALLOW PARTY  
TO PUT ON RECORD ITS VIEWS REGARDING AFM INSTITUTIONALIZATION,  
SINCE THAT SUBJECT MAIN TOPIC OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AFM SET  
FOR FEB 14. IN SUPPORTING PRESIDENT'S STAND ON BEHALF OF  
POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY, FREE ELECTIONS, AND NO DICTATORSHIPS  
(MILITARY OR CIVILIAN), SOCIALISTS IMPLICITLY LENDING HIM AND  
MODERATES IN AFM THEIR SUPPORT.

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